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Mr Tommy Watkins
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Dear Tommy:

Thanks for your nice letter, but where did you get the information the day was a success? I am glad the bond sale was good, but if we had a few less people in the park we would have gone in the red. The attendance was just a little over 3000, which did not surprise me. I knew the Sunday competition was going to be too much to overcome. In the baseball we learn to take things like this just as we do rain, etc.

You may not know the whole story, but I have been trying to make Brooklyn go ever since we have had a team. I believe the people of Brooklyn would like to have Negro Baseball, even a team of their own. Now that we have run into the booking agent compitition, it complicates matters more, but I still think something can be done. Brooklyn makes me think of Washington, until The Grays went there and turned the promotion over to Art Carter, the town was never anything. Now you can hardly get in the park. Of course The Grays have always played good baseball there which we have not done in Brooklyn, but I believe Art would have put it over anyway.

I dont think much can be done this year, but I wish we could get together this winter (not too late) and discuss the situation. I believe the town should be a real money maker. Give me a call, or drop me a line and let me know if you are interested. After all Negros have very few recreational facilities, practically none, and I do feel the baseball is important to them. Please let me hear from you.

Very Truly Yours